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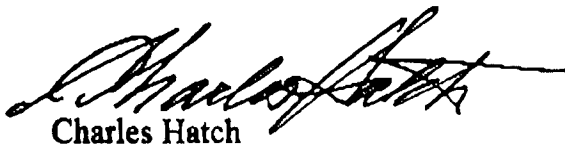
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Thanks for settling the antitrust case against Microsoft. The settlement is fair for all parties involved. We are all fortunate to have this case behind us.

In my opinion Microsoft conceded more than they initially intended, but the state of our Nation's economy was more important to Microsoft than the stipulations agreed upon. The new rules now require that Microsoft turn over information to their competitors about how they, Microsoft, design their Windows operating systems. In essence, Microsoft has agreed to give-up its intellectual property to competitors who are neither as smart nor technologically advanced.

Hopefully we can now move on to issues that are vitally important to the safety and security of our nation - as opposed to those issues directed at undermining America's business competitiveness. Again, thanks for your prudence in settling this matter.

Sincerely,


Charles Hatch